

March 20, 2009

The Glastonbury Town Council
2155 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up-to-date on various topics:

1. **Waiver of Property Taxes:**

State statute provides local option to waiver property taxes under \$25. The attached page shows the number of accounts, assessment and taxes in \$5 increments, from \$5 to \$25. The estimated "breakeven" point for distributing tax bills is approximately \$1.75. This includes handling, inserts, postage, envelope, printing, etc. Councilmember Beckett questioned whether the Town should implement a waiver under applicable statutes.

2. **Energy Conservation:**

You might have seen a recent news story on the West Hartford energy conservation and management program. I am pleased to advise Glastonbury has completed/initiated essentially all of the items identified in the referenced plan along with a number of other improvements. I am often contacted by surrounding communities to discuss Glastonbury's energy conservation program.

3. **Public Service Awards:**

Secretary of State Susan Bysiewicz has scheduled a Public Service Awards Program to recognize contributions of individuals who have served the State of Connecticut. The current program recognizes veterans of World War II. The award ceremony for Glastonbury WWII veterans will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the Riverfront Community Center.

4. **Electronics Collection:**

CRRA will hold 16 electronics recycling programs around the state between April 4 and November 21. Glastonbury will be the site of a collection program on Saturday, September 19 at the Highway facility.

5. **Telecommunications Facility:**

Cingular Wireless has submitted plans to the CT Siting Council for proposed modifications to a tower located off Birch Mountain Road. Please let me know if you would like detailed information on this application.

6. **Housing Authority Grant:**

The Housing Authority has received a \$461,360 grant through the federal stimulus package for the Welles Village Housing complex. A question was asked at the March 10 Council meeting on this grant award.

7. **Bikepath:**

The Conservation Commission, at its March 12 meeting, approved permitting for the proposed bikepath between Smith Middle School and Bell Street. The project will now be presented to the Town Plan & Zoning Commission for a flood zone permit.

I will be happy to review the preceding and any other items Tuesday evening.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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